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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa core standards for social studies,
2 providing for regular review and revision of the related
3 administrative rules, and requiring that human growth and
4 development instruction provided by school districts include
5 age-appropriate and research-based instruction inclusive of
6 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health practices.
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a, Code
2 2021, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) By July 1, 2022, the rules
4 establishing the Iowa core standards for social studies for
5 kindergarten through grade twelve shall include the history,
6 contributions, and perspectives of populations in accordance
7 with section 256.9, subsection 63.

8 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
9 following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 63. a. By May 1, 2022, review and revise
11 the Iowa core standards to ensure that the content anchor
12 standards for United States history, geography, economics,
13 civics, and government include the histories, contributions,
14 and perspectives of all of the following populations:

15 (1) Native Americans.

16 (2) People of African, Asian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic,
17 Latino, or Middle Eastern heritage.

18 (3) Women.

19 (4) Persons with disabilities.

20 (5) Immigrants or refugees.

21 (6) Persons who are or who identify as lesbian, gay,
22 bisexual, or transgender.

23 b. Provide technical assistance and implementation
24 strategies to school districts if revisions made pursuant to
25 this subsection require curriculum and instruction changes.

26 c. Regularly review and recommend changes as necessary to
27 the rules adopted by the state board establishing the Iowa
28 core standards for social studies pursuant to section 256.7,
29 subsection 26, paragraph "a", subparagraph (5).

30 Sec. 3. Section 279.50, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended
31 to read as follows:

32 2. Each school board shall provide age-appropriate and
33 research-based instruction in human growth and development
34 ~~including instruction regarding human sexuality, self-esteem,~~
35 ~~stress management, interpersonal relationships, domestic~~

1 ~~abuse, HPV and the availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV,~~
2 ~~and acquired immune deficiency syndrome~~ as required in section
3 256.11, in grades one through twelve, including but not limited
4 to instruction regarding all of the following:

5 a. Human sexuality, inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
6 transgender health practices.

7 b. Self-esteem.

8 c. Stress management.

9 d. Interpersonal relationships.

10 e. Domestic abuse.

11 f. HPV and the availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV.

12 g. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

13 Sec. 4. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
14 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
15 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
16 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
17 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
18 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
19 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
20 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
21 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
22 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
23 districts.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill requires the director of the department of
28 education to review and revise the Iowa core standards for
29 social studies by May 1, 2022; requires the state board of
30 education to adopt rules by July 1, 2022, to include the
31 history, contributions, and perspectives of populations
32 specified in the bill; and modifies the requirements for human
33 growth and development in grades 1 through 12.

34 The director must ensure that the content anchor standards
35 for United States history, geography, economics, civics,

1 and government include the histories, contributions, and
2 perspectives of Native Americans; people of African, Asian,
3 Pacific Islander, Hispanic, Latino, or Middle Eastern heritage;
4 women; persons with disabilities; immigrants or refugees; and
5 persons who are or who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
6 transgender.

7 The director must also provide technical assistance and
8 implementation strategies to school districts if the revisions
9 require curriculum and instruction changes.

10 The director is further tasked with regularly reviewing
11 and recommending administrative rule changes as necessary
12 relating to the Iowa core standards for social studies and the
13 populations which must be included in such standards.

14 The bill provides that age-appropriate and research-based
15 instruction in human growth and development, which each school
16 board must provide to students enrolled in grades 1 through 12,
17 must include instruction inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual,
18 and transgender health practices.

19 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
20 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
21 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
22 district from state school foundation aid received by the
23 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
24 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
25 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
26 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
27 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
28 mandates included in the bill.